

To: Minturn Town Council
From: Michelle Metteer
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RE: Town Manager Update



Eagle River Water Quality / EPA 5-Year Superfund Site Review

The Eagle River Stakeholders, of which Minturn is a partner, is looking to support the request (letter included as an attachment to this Manager Report) that as part of the EPA/CDPHE regular 5-year review cycle of the Eagle Mine Superfund Site, valuable Eagle River water data collected by ERWSD/UERWA be included in the formal review. This request is valuable toward ensuring the ongoing Superfund Site remediation is as thorough as possible. Unless there are four council members to direct otherwise, Minturn will support this effort.

Ghost Car Request

During the community bulb out discussion, residents requested the use of a “ghost car” to help facilitate speed enforcement. I made that request to the Eagle County Sheriff’s Office however due to their constant use throughout the county and for regular patrol functions, ECSD is unable to dedicate a car to Minturn’s enforcement needs.

Main Street Bulb Outs

We conducted a meeting with CDOT Region 3 representatives and determined Minturn can apply for a crosswalk with rapid flashing signs at the intersection of HWY 24 and Little Beach Park. This is encouraging news as when the Phase I sidewalks were installed this amenity was not allowed. CDOT is also taking a look at the ability to install smaller temporary bulb outs as Minturn has initially requested. These smaller bulb outs would be the same length as the current yellow no-parking areas in place. This concept is not to CDOT “standards” and so they are reviewing this request internally (but their review and willingness to consider this option is an improvement from the denial we received the first time around).

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Approval – Railroad Ave Pedestrian Safety Improvements

I am excited to announce that after significant effort to complete and submit the PUC application for the installation of sidewalks along Railroad Ave, the request has been approved (see attached approval notice). Minturn plans to conduct the Railroad Ave Pedestrian Improvement Plan starting in the Spring of 2025 and possibly in coordination with other construction work in the Taylor St area if combined cost savings can be achieved.

Battle North Potential Water Service Review

I have been meeting weekly with Battle North representatives to find out if any opportunity exists for cost-sharing of a new membrane water treatment plant. My current efforts include review of the potential surface diversion feature at the confluence of the Eagle River and Cross Creek, determining project cost increases for expanding the size of the WTP facility to house future pre-treatment infrastructure, timing of future financial development contributions, regulatory requirements associated with a System Revolving Fund (SRF) loan, EPA NEPA application timing as this effects the Town’s \$3M Congressionally Directed Spending funds and submittal of a \$1M request to the EPA for consideration to cover the remainder of the design and engineering work.